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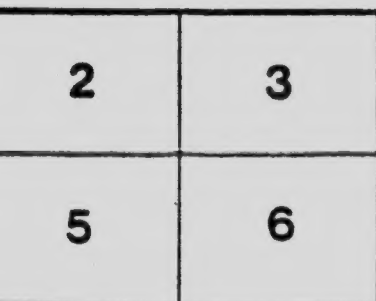
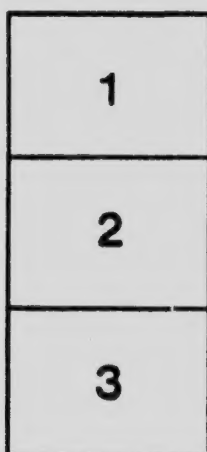
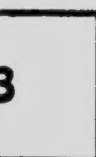
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"CARRY ON"

1920 - 1921

The Young People
and the
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of the
Forward Movement

**READ CAREFULLY THROUGH
CONTAINS ALL THE PLANS**

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"WELL DONE"

The First Objective of the Forward Movement has been reached and with fine enthusiasm over-run. The Church has got away to a good start in the Forward Movement. In the first lap of the race she has broken all records and exceeded all expectations. The Presbyterian Church in Canada has laid on the altars of Christ five million dollars as an earnest of her intention to be true to the sacrifice of her sons and to carry the principles for which they died into the making of the nation and the emancipation of the world.

In this great achievement the Young People took a generous share. Out of their limited stores they gave with a surprising and gladdening liberality. In memory of the dead and out of love to Christ many of them broke the alabaster box.

"CARRY ON"

And now comes the call to carry on. The reward of service is more service. The discovery of capacity means increased responsibility. The young people who felt the thrill of enlarged giving and tasted the satisfaction of worthy sacrifice are

eager for further spiritual adventures and for other big-scale conquests. And this kingdom of opportunity is at hand. The Light of the World is dawning on the horizons of life and The Hope of all the Ages is knocking at the door of the World. The tide is at the flood again. All life is yeasty with hopeful ferment. The Church's chance has come to give her indispensable Christ to an awakened and disillusioned generation.

"LIFE" CRUSADE

And the Young People are the Church's heralds. If they cannot be mustered now the curtain falls. In the financial campaign the gifts of the young people were relatively inconsiderable but in the "life" crusade which has now to be launched they occupy the centre of the stage. The difficult thing has yet to be done. We have to make our gifts function into moral energy and spiritual life. We have to convert our millions of money into missionary passion and social achievement. The Church comes now not seeking "yours" but "you," not the bonds and the bank notes of those who have no longer else to give, but to those who may have neither silver nor gold, but are the possessors of the invaluable riches of unspent years, of unused talents, of sacrificial love and of immortal hope.

"ON THE JOB"

But sentiment of itself is vain. It

must be condensed into activity and harnessed to service. The consecration that is wanted is the kind that spells patient painstaking study and cheerful and obedient application. If young people are really to count they must go "on the job." That job is first of all at their door. It begins at home, in the local congregation.

I. REACHING UP TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S STANDARD

We must aim at having a flourishing young people's work in every congregation. The method of handling young people's work will of necessity vary in congregations according to leadership and local conditions. But certain standards have been set up by our Church as a guide for her young people and in every local congregation the young people ought to seek to reach up to these standards.

This is the first part of the Church's Continuation Programme for the young people to organize and maintain in every congregation an up-to-the-standard Young People's work.

1. A Young People's Organization

The ideal is one all-inclusive organization of all the young people of the congregation known as the Young People's Department of the Church and making provision for the entire interests and activities of the young people including Instruction, Worship and Training as outlined in the Curriculum of the Church for its young people.

Within the embrace of this one organization and under its oversight there might be several Bible Classes giving instruction on Sunday and several Clubs or Classes giving practical training through the week. These could meet together for devotional purposes for business and for social life at the beginning of the meeting, both on Sunday and through the week, afterwards breaking up into the separate units for their special work. In small congregations where one Young People's Bible Class is sufficient and one week-night meeting for training, why not unify all the interests of the young people by having one organization and one set of officers for both?

2. An Annual Survey

Once a year at least a carefully prepared list of every last young person within the congregation or community should be drawn up with correct addresses. An up-to-the-standard Young People's Work must not be limited to a group of those who like to meet together but must seek to discharge the Church's responsibility to all the Young People in the Field. Those who complain that there are not enough young people to form a class or society are invariably surprised at how many there are when an actual survey is made.

3. A Thorough Enlistment

Following the Survey an invitation should be given to every one on the list (See foot of page 9.)

by means of a carefully planned and well carried out every-person canvass. This canvass should be **personal**. A good letter may serve as an introduction but it seldom wins strangers. The canvass should be **discriminating**. Men must be fished for. Andrew succeeds best with Peter and Bartholomew may not come for anyone but Philip. The canvass should be **thorough**. The Young People's Department is organized to furnish worship, instruction and training and our task is to induce every young person to take all three, to attend Church, Bible Class and Through-the-week Training meeting.

4. A Complete Programme

A complete religious education informs the mind, cultivates the soul, and trains the will to do. Instruction is furnished in Young People's Bible Classes. Worship is cultivated in private, in Bible Class and Young People's meeting, and in Church services. Training is received chiefly in the Young People's weekly training meeting for which a very excellent topic card is provided.

5. Social Fellowship and Recreation

Because young people respond most readily to the Social appeal and to the attractions of sport these features often receive preponderating attention. The other extreme is equally fatal. Proper provision must be made for these interests which occupy such a large place in the lives

of young people. In addition to the holding of stated socials in connection with National festivals such as 'Hallowe'en, Valentine Day, etc. the programme for this year suggests a Social feature at the close of each week-night meeting the ideal being to provide the devotional element, discussion subject and social or recreational feature all in the one meeting rather than devoting a whole evening to each by turns.

6. Training in Leadership

The Young People are at the age (18-24) when training for leadership should be specially stressed. Without trained leaders the modern Church so highly organized cannot do effective work. The through-the-week meetings, indeed all Young People's meetings should be self-governed, self-operated, self-inspired, furnishing opportunity for the development in Young People of life-force, of initiative and of confidence in the conduct of religious undertakings. In addition to this general training, provision should be made for specialized training and experience by holding once a year at least a special discussion and clinic class in Missions, Social Service, Teacher Training or other Church interest requiring skilled Young People as leaders.

7. Missions

This is also a major interest of Young People. It appeals to their hero-worship

and yearning for service and sacrifice.

There should be systematic instruction given such as is to be found in the "Lesson on Missions" provided for Sunday use and "Canada's Share in World Tasks" the new Young People's book recommended for through-the-week studies. In addition very excellent lantern-slide lectures are now available on all the work of our Church in Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Social Service.

Probably the best way of all to create interest in Mission Work among the young people is by getting them to assume some definite objective from the list provided by the Church, holding an every-young person canvass to secure the necessary support, and appointing a Mission Secretary to manage the envelopes and make reports. (The regular duplex envelopes used by the congregation can be secured in blue color for the Young People without extra charge if ordered at the same time.)

8. Dedication of Life and Service

Definite effort should be made each year to bring to decision for Christ all the young people who are outside the membership of the Church. The young people who are already Christians ought to undertake this themselves as their part in the Special Personal Evangelism Campaign of the Congregation which is fixed this year for the whole church to begin the first of the New Year.

Besides securing general decisions for Christ and the Church on the part of all, the responsibility should be constantly kept in view of seeking out and encouraging likely young people as recruits for the various life-callings in connection with the Church such as Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Religious Educators, Social Service Workers and Teachers to the Non-Anglo Saxons.

The week beginning Sunday, December 12 is definitely set apart by the Church this year for this particular thing. It is hoped that the young people will heartily co-operate by reading and distributing the literature provided, and helping to secure the hundreds of whole-time leaders required by the Church for the varied departments of her work.

9. Forward Movement

One way by which the Forward Movement may be helped is by distributing this pamphlet which outlines the Young People's share in the Continuation Programme, among all the young people of the congregation and encouraging them to read it. A further step would be to see that action is taken on those features of young people's work not yet adopted.

Attention is called to the 1920-21 Rally Service for young people entitled "Crusaders of Compassion" intended for Rally Week, (Sept. 26—Oct. 3) but an inspiring programme for any Forward Movement occasion throughout the year. (see foot p. 5)

Besides holding such a Congregational Rally Service at which the Young People's plans in connection with the Continuation Programme could be explained, the Young People should seek in conjunction with the other Young People's groups of the Community to hold District or Presbytery Rallies where the Programme could be expounded, inspiration given and if necessary organization set up for carrying on.

10. Rally Day Fund

The providing of topic cards, literature and general leadership for the promoting of young people's work throughout the Church, together with all Sunday School work is committed to the care of the General Assembly's Board on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, which depends mainly for its support upon the gifts made by Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies to its Rally Day Fund.

It is hoped that every Young People's Organization will make a contribution from its funds each year for the support of this work and that according to the direction of the General Assembly an effort be made to increase the amount given by 20% each year for the next five years so as to keep pace with the expanding work of the Forward Movement period.

II. LINKING UP WITH THE CHURCH AT LARGE

The Young People's Organization exists for the sake of the Church, to furnish

intelligent members and trained leaders for her work. If the tree is cut at the roots it whitens and withers at the top. The Church has carefully mapped out a big programme of Spiritual advance to follow the financial drive of last year and is for this campaign looking eagerly to her young people for help.

Among the big enterprises being launched in connection with this Continuation Policy there are some in which the Young People have a very vital interest and occupy a very central place.

1. Religion in the Home

Any real Forward Movement must begin here. The Home is the fundamental agency in the making of character and the furnishing of religious faith and ideals. And the home is in danger of breaking down. Young people are often at fault in this regard. Because of their love of pleasure, their engagements thoughtlessly made, their disregard of home regulations and obligations, they make it very difficult for parents to maintain anything like an ideal home life—a place where grace at meals and family worship is observed, where good example and quiet atmosphere prevail and where moral discipline is exercised. This subject is down for discussion on the Young People's Topic Card the week following "Home Religion Sunday" (October 31). It is expected that the Young People will face this question

prayerfully and lay plans for helping the congregation to set up in some form Home-religion in every home.

2. Life-Service

Through many causes including the ravages of war the Church finds herself confronted with a serious shortage in candidates for the Ministry as well as for other Christian life-callings, which have multiplied greatly of recent years. The Congregations call not only for Ministers but for Directors of Religious Education, for Deaconesses, for Boys' Work and Girls' Work Secretaries. The Home Field needs besides Home Missionaries, Social Service Workers, Evangelists and Singers, Teachers for the non-Anglo Saxon, Doctors and Nurses for Hospitals. The Foreign Field wants Missionaries, Builders, Nurses, Doctors, Agriculturists, Teachers and Professors for Christian Universities. December 12 is set apart for the consideration of this great need throughout the Church. It will be a time of searching of hearts for all our young people, on whom will fall the burden of proof, to show that God by His Providence has blocked their way to giving a whole life to His Service in some definite Christian calling.

3. Personal Evangelism

Beginning with the New Year the Church plans a definite campaign for reaching the unchurched. Surveys will have to be made, censuses taken, children

and young folks sought out for Sunday Schools, and the gospel invitation extended to all the unevangelized in the Community. To accomplish this, as at the beginning, every Christian must become an evangelist and the young people, who have energy and enthusiasm and leisure time, must be drawn upon very largely for it. The Sons of Zebedee must once more become fishers of men.

4. Church Extension

The Presbyterian people of Canada have furnished five million dollars for extension purposes. This lays at the door of the Church the heavy task of wisely and effectively using this sum in lengthening the cords of Zion and strengthening her stakes. It is requested as an aid in this direction that the young people seek to establish this year five hundred new Y.P. Organizations, to enroll fifty thousand new members in Y.P. Organizations, and in conjunction with the Sunday Schools to furnish one thousand recruits for the Ministry and other Life-Callings, and twenty thousand New Leaders in Training for general service.

Summary of Forward Movement Steps

If Young People wish to know specifically what the Church expects of them as their contribution to the Continuation Programme of the Forward Movement here it is as outlined by the S.S. and Y.P.S. Board:

All Young People attending Church.

All Young People enlisted in Bible Study.

All Young People organized for training.
All Young People following the Church's
Programme of Instruction, Worship
and Training.

All Young People brought into full
Church Membership.

All Young People challenged to definite
Christian Service and Stewardship.

500 New Young People's Organizations
50,000 New Members in Young People's
Organizations.

1,000 Recruits for the Ministry and other
Christian Life Callings (along with
Sunday School).

20,000 New Leaders in Training (along
with Sunday School).

One-fifteenth of the Congregations share
of the Budget.

20 per cent. increase each year in Offering
to Rally Day Fund.

"PUTTING THE PROGRAMME ACROSS"

It is one thing to have a programme on
paper. It is quite another to put it into
operation. The first thing however, is to
master the programme as it is outlined.

The members of the Young People's
Executive or Council should read this
programme-pamphlet through carefully and
peruse the literature advertised for sug-
gestions and helps.

An initial survey should be made of all
available young people who could be
invited to a Rally Week Social and to the

Y.P. Rally Service "Crusaders of Compassion," held probably on Sunday evening. At these meetings the plans for the local organization could be announced, also the general Forward Movement Policy of the Church and a strong appeal made to all the young people present to do their duty by joining the local group and helping to carry on.

In pushing their end of this Continuation Programme the Young People should seek to cooperate with the Forward Movement Committee of their own congregation and with the Forward Movement Committee and the S.S. and Y.P.S. Committee of their own Presbytery by both of which practical plans will be laid to reach the objectives of this programme.

In all this work we need constantly to bear in mind its distinctively spiritual character. The tasks now before the young people and before the Church can least of all be done by human might and power. Here especially are we dependent on the grace of Christ and the possession and guidance of His Spirit. This movement in a very special sense can only succeed if "begun, continued, and ended" in prayer. To aid all concerned to realize this and to serve as a guide to private devotion and as a bond for common supplication a new "Cycle of Prayer" has been issued which it is hoped will be freely distributed and devotedly used by a great host of intercessors among our Young People.

LITERATURE

A—(For securing efficiency in Young People's work in the Local Church.)

New Young People's Topic Card with Outline Programme. (25c per doz.)

Departmental Graded and Graded Uniform Lessons.

Young People's Own Magazine, "The Pathfinder." (55c per year.)

Young People's Own Paper, "East and West." (\$1.00 per year.)

Young People and the Continuation Programme of the Forward Movement.

Young People's Rally Service, "The Crusaders of Compassion."

New Young People's Mission Study text-book, "Canada's Share in World Tasks." (50 and 75 cents).

"Christianity and Amusements". (\$1.00) A guide for young people.

List of Special Objects for Missionary support.
Pamphlet on Missions.

B—(For assisting in the Church's Forward Movement Programme.)

Pamphlets on "Religion in the Home."

Pamphlet on "Life Service" for Older Boys and Young Men.

Pamphlet on "Life Service" for Older Girls and Young Women.

Cycle of Prayer.

For copies of this pamphlet and all unpriced literature write the General Secretary, Rev. J. C. Robertson, D.D., Confederation Life Building, Toronto, who will also answer all enquiries regarding Young People's Work.

For all priced literature and necessary supplies for Young People's Work write Presbyterian Publications, Church and Gerrard Sts., Toronto.

